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The steel framework of the P. E. Monroe Auditorium rises high above Lenoir Rhyne's northeast campus. In the foreground can be seen part of the foundation structure of the Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(The following message consists of excerpts from the keynote address, "Colleges With a Mission," by Dr. Cromer to the annual meeting of the National Lutheran Educational Conference held at St. Louis, Mo., January 8-10. Dr. Cromer served as president of the NLEC during the past year.—Editor.)

The magnitude of the task confronting our church colleges is overwhelming from the standpoint of size and nature. . . Courage and consecration for our task can emerge only from the conviction that we represent and serve colleges with a mission. . . Not only presidents, but teachers, trustees, alumni, and other supporters of our Lutheran colleges must share the conviction that our institutions have a distinctive role in this vast enterprise of higher education. Our ministry is one to arouse an impelling enthusiasm for the cause which rests upon us as a commission from the God of all truth. Education has as its responsibility the discovery, the impartation, the implementation, and the appropriation of truth.

The Christian College is concerned with truth in its wholeness and completeness, that truth which embraces the verities and realities of existence in their totality. It is never satisfied with an isolated particle of knowledge but examines its context, coherence, relevance, and significance. Only thus can its full meaning be understood. This means that the mission of the church college will come to grips with truth in three aspects—fact, value, and faith.

THE TRUTH OF FACT

Education in a Christian college deals with the truth of fact as discovered and revealed by science and history. It maintains an environment to sharpen the appetite for the accumulated knowledge of the ages by which mankind has expanded mastery over the powers and mysteries of the universe. It recognizes that the book of facts

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THE PERFECT PATTERN

The following news release was taken from **THE WITTENBERG ALUMNUS** published by the Alumni Association of Wittenberg College of Springfield, Ohio. This sister LUTHERAN college should serve as a challenge to our Alumni Association and the annual Lenoir Rhyne Loyalty Fund. Surely if Wittenberg can show such great Alumni strength and loyalty, is it not possible for us Alumni to follow this same pattern by supporting our alma mater in every possible way?

Wittenberg alumni, always proud of their alma mater, have been prouder yet in recent weeks.

And they have good reason to be proud of themselves, too.

For Wittenberg was one of six colleges in Ohio and 126 in the nation singled out by the Ford Foundation last month to receive "accomplishment grants" in recognition of "leadership in improving the status and compensation of American college teachers.

Credit for the fact that Wittenberg received an "accomplishment grant"—estimated at \$144,300—was given to the alumni by Wittenberg President Clarence C. Stoughton.

Through their annual Alumni Fund, Wittenberg's alumni have made it possible to increase faculty salaries 27 per cent since 1951. As Dr. Stoughton said in a letter to all alumni earlier this month:

"If our alumni had not been so kind and persistent in their generosity during the past five years in which we have had Alumni Funds, we should not now have this special accomplishment award, a figure approximately one-third of the total grant."

Wittenberg's total grant from the Ford Foundation was \$432,800.

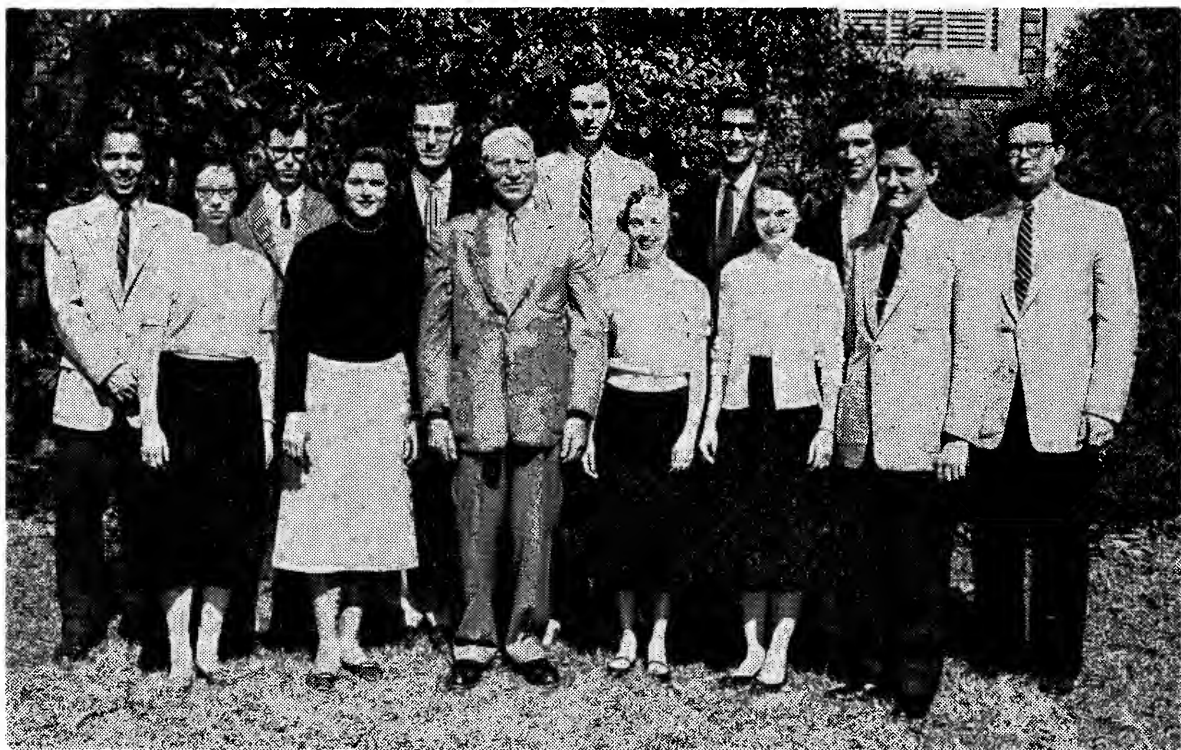
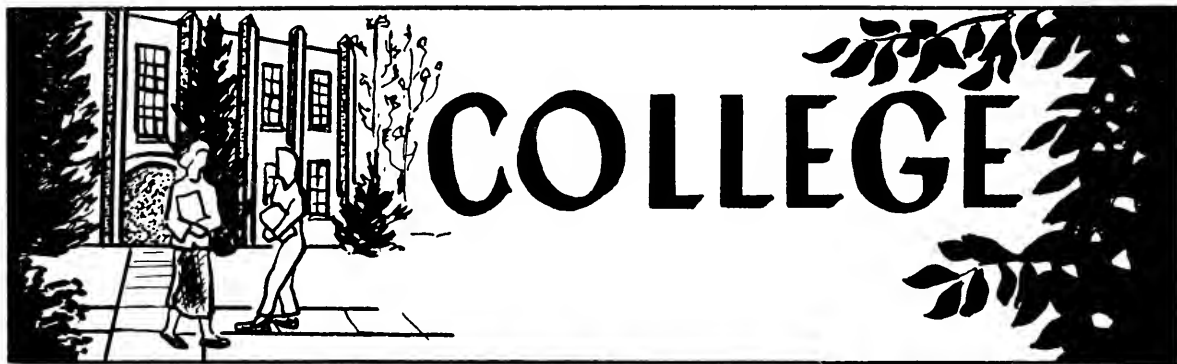
Alumni also deserve credit for the size of this salary increment grant, Dr. Stoughton said.

The Ford grant followed closely upon the receipt of gifts totaling \$2,000,000 from a Canton family who had been impressed by the loyalty and generosity of the alumni.

In deciding to give Wittenberg this largest gift in its history, the Thomases and Mrs. Krieg asked the same question which other potential donors are asking:

"Are immediate constituents such as alumni doing their part?"

The fact that Alumni have given the College more than \$227,000 through their annual Fund efforts since 1951 impressed the Thomases and Mrs. Krieg, none of whom has attended Wittenberg. . ."



1956 Forensic Winners: Boliek, Cilley, Wright, Cornwell, McCullough, Keiser, coach, Smart, Wilfong, Keck, Ford, Wallace, Blume, and Kepley.

COLLEGE FAST TALKERS—

Debaters Sweep Honors at Forensic Meet

Lenoir Rhyne debaters and public speakers virtually swept all the honors at the recent South Atlantic Forensic Tournament held on the local campus.

Dr. Albert Keiser, head of the English department and founder of the 24-year-old event, directed the tournament in which 13 outstanding colleges and universities from the eastern seaboard participated.

Lenoir Rhyne's public speakers captured 12 first places out of a possible 20, and tied in ranking for two others. The four debating teams compiled a total record of 24 wins and four losses during the tournament, to lead the affair in both the Men's and Mixed Divisions with 11-3 and 13-1 records respectively.

Included in the list of institutions which actively entered the forensic events were the University of North Carolina, Univer-

sity of South Carolina, University of Kentucky, Emory University, Duke University, Carson-Newman College, Mars Hill College and the U. S. Naval Academy.

The following winners were announced at the conclusion of the tournament:

Debating, Men's Division: Lenoir Rhyne, 11 won, 3 lost; University of South Carolina, 10 won, 4 lost; Mars Hill College, 9 won, five lost.

Debating, Mixed Division: Lenoir Rhyne, 13 won, 1 lost; Carson-Newman College, 10 won, 4 lost. The Lenoir Rhyne college mixed negative team of George Keck and Anne Wilfong was the only undefeated team in the meet.

Men's Standard Oratory: First Place, George Keck, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Bob Kepley, Lenoir Rhyne.

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Auditorium, Gymnasium Progress Rapidly

After several periods of delay due to materials and weather, the skeleton framework of the new \$450,000 P. E. Monroe Memorial Auditorium is currently rising auspiciously over the Lenoir Rhyne campus.

And, as its mate, workmen are toiling steadily with the foundation of the A. Alex Shuford Memorial Gymnasium, located directly behind the new auditorium on the northeast side of the college.

These two buildings are the first products of the \$1,500,000 expansion campaign conducted last year. Groundbreaking services for the new auditorium were held last August, with a similar ceremony being conducted for the \$350,000 gymnasium as a part of the college's Homecoming observance last October.

With the delivery of the steel framework shortly after Christmas, much visual progress has been made on the auditorium. The outline of its modern design already sets it apart from the other college structures.

As a matter of fact many students spend quite a bit of their spare time staring into the air, closely watching the workmen erect the steel beams. There's a story about junior and senior "sidewalk superintendents" and their concern over the construction of new buildings. This tale could undoubtedly hold true here, whether their interests be just plain curiosity or fascination. Anyway, there's usually a crowd watching the work.

The P. E. Monroe Auditorium is being erected as a memorial to the late Dr. P. E. Monroe, who served as president of Lenoir Rhyne from 1934 to 1949 and as president emeritus until his death in 1954. The new structure will seat 1,560.

The new gymnasium will fill a long-standing need of the college as the present gymnasium is woefully inadequate for the program of the physical education department. It is being erected in memory of A. Alex Shuford, Sr., with funds provided by the Shuford family and Shuford Mills, Inc.

The spacious building will have 17,000 square feet of floor space, 11,000 of which will be the playing area. It will seat 3,500 persons and will include dressing rooms, offices and classrooms of the physical education department.

The site of the new gymnasium is the parking lot directly in front of College Field. A widened street between the gymnasium and the auditorium will partially alleviate the parking situation. The gymnasium itself, when completed, will be just outside the fence of the football field.

Yet to be constructed are five build-

ings—a part of the results of the \$1,500,000 drive. Planned for construction in the future is a \$425,000 science building, a \$250,000 women's dormitory, a \$200,000 music building, a \$200,000 college union and a \$100,000 dining hall enlargement.

All the new buildings will be of contemporary modern design, products of the Clemmer and Horton Architects of Hickory.

Junior Class Presents Light Opera, Robin Hood

Robin Hood, Reginald DeKoven's famous three-act light opera, was presented by in Junior Class of Lenoir Rhyne in co-operation with the Music Department on March 12 and 13 in the Hickory City Auditorium.

Jay Harbinson, a senior business major from Maiden, was cast in the leading role of the famous Robin Hood. Playing opposite him as Lady Marian Fitzwater was Joyce Rice, a sophomore music major from Matthews.

The cast of forty strong, under the direction of Professor Robin F. Gatwood and vocal coach, Professor Kenneth B. Lee, recreated the atmosphere of the men who wore the Lincoln green, as the offered music and mirth in a fabulous tale of marauders and marriage.

Other principals included the Sheriff of Nottingham, Keith Coble, Julian; Sir Guy of Gisborne, Alton McCollum, Statesville; Little John, Roddy Rodge, Charlotte; Friar Tuck, Bob Kepley, Marlowe, Ga.; Will Scarlet, Gordon Ward, Durham; Allan-a-dale, Jack Davis, China Grove; Dame Durden, Jackie Hewitt, Marion; Annabel, Martha Jean Caldwell, Newton; Messenger, Ted Edwards, Corpus Christi, Texas; and Peddler, Sam Temple, Salisbury.

Each of these characters in his typical costumes—Robin Hood and his men in tights and leather jackets and women in period dresses and plume hats—added to the romance and villainy of the opera. In addition, there was a chorus of 30 students in the roles of villagers, milkmaids, outlaws, and tinkers.

Among the many well-known musical selections was "Oh Promise Me", which is rapidly becoming a part of America's stock of composed folk songs. These, along with lively dances, which are accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra, contributed to the lightness of the opera.

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Seated above are the two lovely Lenoir Rhyne co-eds who have been chosen to head the May Court of 1956. At left is Miss Andrea Haugaard, of Orlando, Fla., who will reign as queen; and at right is Miss Mary Ann McCarley, a Hickory native, who will attend as Maid of Honor.

Below are four of the principles of the three-act operetta, "Robin Hood", by Reginald DeKoven, sponsored this spring by the Junior Class. From left to right are: Gordon Ward, Bob Kepley; Joyce Rice, Lady Marion; and Jay Harbinson, Robin Hood.



A Cappella Choir Slates Southern Tour

Lenoir Rhyne's famous a cappella choir, rekknown for its tours along the eastern seaboard, will present a series of concerts in North Carolina and conduct a week's tour through the South during the spring months.

The sixty-two voice group which has won wide acclaim and has appeared on the "CBS Church of the Air" series, is directed by Professor Kenneth B. Lee.

The week's tour of the South will begin on April 21 and continue through April 29, with the choir making eight appearances in St. Petersburg, Fla., Savannah, Augusta and Atlanta, Ga., Charleston, Columbia and Spartanburg, S. C.

Student officers of the choral group are Karl Kinard, Jr., Columbia, S. C., manager; Jay Harbinson, Maiden, president; Gale Coffey, Kings Creek, vice-president; and Frances Motsinger, High Point, secretary-treasurer.

Included in the sacred choral music to be rendered by the a cappella choir at each of its concerts are the following numbers: "Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord," "Tu Pauperum Refugium," "All Breathing Life," "Misericordias Domini," "Day of Judgment," "Soon-ah-Will Be Done," "Brazilian Psalm," "Calvary's Mountain," "Hosanna," "If Ye Would Hear the Angels Sing," "We've Been A While A-Wandering," "Sing Nowell, Sing Gloria," "Carol of the Drum," and "Advent Motet."

Top Hat Club Adds Spice to Campus Life

Lenoir Rhyne College students received a taste of nightclub life when the Top Hat Club invaded Cline Gymnasium.

The Top Hat Club, an annual presentation of the Les Amies Sorority, featured dancing and a floorshow.

Dave Wright, student body president, was master of ceremonies of the event.

The nightclub theme was carried out to the fullest extent, with waitresses and cigarette girls appropriately dressed. The decorations of the gymnasium also maintained the general theme.

The features of the evening was a floorshow with a number of song and dance acts. Highlighting the show was a chorus line composed of members of the Les Amies Sorority. Included in the chorus line were Margaret Franklin, Betty Bos-

Religious Emphasis Week Observed; Dr. Heiges Principal Speaker

Lenoir Rhyne College's annual Religious Emphasis Week—a period when students have the opportunity to strengthen their convictions and renew faith in God—was observed on February 19-22.

Rev. Donald R. Heiges, executive secretary, Division of Student Services of the National Lutheran Council, was the principal speaker, basing his addresses on the theme, "... to the Glory of God."

Presented for the benefit of the students, faculty, and friends of the college, the four-day event featured a variety of special worship services, including a movie and additional chapel programs.

To open the week, Rev. Heiges spoke his initial address on Sunday night, February 19, in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on the subject, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." A reception followed the service.

The executive secretary also spoke to the student body during special chapel sessions on the topics, "The Liturgy of the Mind," "In the Witness Box," and "Eating and Drinking."

On Monday night, a movie, "I Beheld His Glory," was shown in St. Andrew's. Kappa Chi, the national religious fraternity, sponsored a public program on Tuesday night in the college church.

Concluding the services was the Lenten Service in St. Andrew's Church. The Rev. A. H. Keck, Jr., pastor, delivered the sermon on the topic, "The Law and the Gospel."

In addition to the programs, Religious Emphasis Week also offered opportunities for individual counseling, dormitory devotions and discussions.

Junior Class Presents

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Robin Hood was the sixth in a series of comic light operas, produced by the Music Department under the sponsorship of the Junior Class. It is believed that this type of production represents a higher type of entertainment as well as a cultural step forward for the college and the city of Hickory.

tian, Betsy Patterson, Peggy Fulwood, Phyllis McGinnis, Doris Shook, Margaret Hoover, Anna Briggs, and Ellen Basinger.

The Kampus Kats provided music for dancing during the evening.



Pictured above are the chorus girl cuties of the Les Amies Top Club. Front row: Shook, Hoover, Briggs, and Basinger. Back row: Franklin, Bostian, Patterson, Fulwood, and McGinnis.

Below are several of the members of the a cappella choir tuning up with Professor Lee, director, in preparation for the spring tour. Left to right: Kinard, Marley, Keck, Overcash, Harbinson, Ratchford, and Beatty.





Newly elected publication heads and cabinet members: Fogleman, Walters, Castor, Gardner, Abernathy, Trexler.

BLOTS, SMEARS AND SPOTS—

Publication Heads Named for 1956-57 Term

Lenoir Rhyne College students recently elected Paul Fogleman of Chapel Hill and Jake Walters of Mt. Pleasant as publication heads for the 1956-57 term, to serve as *Lenoir Rhynean* and *Hacawa* editors respectively.

Also named were Trudy Castor of Newport, Tennessee, as business manager of the *Lenoir Rhynean*, and Tom Gardner of Fayetteville as business manager of the *Hacawa*.

On the same ballot, Edgar Trexler of Mt. Pleasant and Tanya Abernathy of Hickory were elected Freshman-Class representatives to the Student Cabinet.

Fogleman, a French and history major, has served on the *Lenoir Rhynean* staff for two years, one as a reporter and the other as associate editor. Currently he is head cheerleader, a member of Iota Epsilon Omega, honorary journalistic fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity, the Lutheran Student Association, and the college Playmakers. Also included in his outside work is news editor of the *Lenoir Rhyne Alumni Bulletin* and reporter for the college Public Relations department. He is a rising junior.

The *Hacawa* editor, Jake Walters, is a first semester senior. Among his campus activities are a cappella choir, associate editor of the *Hacawa*, the football squad, Iota Epsilon Omega journalistic fraternity, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. After graduating he plans a business career.

Named to the position of business man-

ager of the *Lenoir Rhynean* was Trudy Castor, a rising senior. She has served on the *Lenoir Rhynean* staff, the Student Cabinet, is vice-president of the A.C.E., a member of the Philia sorority, the Y.W.C.A., and works in the college dining hall, the science laboratory and the junior store. She is an elementary education major.

Tom Gardner, a triple major—English, French and history—from Fayetteville, plans an international law career after graduation. He is a member of the college band, Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, an assistant in the philosophy department and a worker in the dining hall. He is a rising senior.

Edgar Trexler, an English major from Mt. Pleasant, is one of two Freshman class representatives to the Student Cabinet. Included in his extra-curricular activities are Kappa Chi, the national religious fraternity, staff work with the *Lenoir Rhynean*, a reporter for the college Alumni and Public Relations Office, a member of Theta Chi social fraternity, publicity committee for the Student Cabinet, L.S.A. and a participant in intramural sports.

Tanya Abernathy, also elected Freshman cabinet representative, hails from Hickory. A primary education major, her campus activities include being a reporter for the *Lenoir Rhynean*, and a reporter for the Philia sorority. She, also, is a member of the Student Cabinet publicity committee.



New library books and admirers — Vellutato, M. Aderholdt, A. Aderholdt, Taylor.

FREE BOOK LEARNIN'

College Library Receives Valuable Volumes

The date was September 14, 1955. The personality involved was Miss Aileen Aderholdt, librarian. It was then that she filled out a questionnaire from the American Library Association concerning a free set of books.

Little did she realize that four months later, the Carl Augustus Rudisill Library would be the recipient of a 54-volume set of books—free, except for the three-cent stamp needed to return the questionnaire.

But that's the story. The set, named *Great Books of the Western World*, was one of 1,600 sets given to libraries in all sections of the United States. Over 3,700 applications were made by libraries throughout the nation.

Miss Aderholdt was not notified by the library association that Lenoir Rhyne would be sent the free volumes. Instead, she read it, to her surprise, in a recent edition of the Hickory Daily Record. Then, within a few days, the set arrived—postage and other expenses prepaid. The volumes sell for \$250.

And, along with the free books came a complete set of Library of Congress catalog cards.

The new acquisition has been on display in the library reference room for almost two weeks. In this room, the set fills two shelves. Miss Aderholdt and her staff are naturally quite pleased with the new volumes.

Actually, the distribution of the sets was made possible through the generosity of the Old Dominion Foundation, which asked the American Library Association to serve as the agency of selection and distribution. Then, the selection committee was faced with quite a task.

In allocating the sets, factors which were given primary consideration included the potential numbers of users the library might serve and libraries located in communities where no set of the *Great Books of the Western World* existed. Some sets were allocated to libraries in every state of the union and to the District of Columbia.

A few facts about the set will no doubt prove most interesting. The 54 volumes encompass 443 works by 74 authors, spanning Western thought from Homer and the Bible to 20th century works. The set totals 32,000 pages, comprising 25,000,000 words. Also, editorial preparation on the set occupied 100 scholars for eight years and cost \$2,000,000.

It contains whole works, not excerpts, and includes all the works of 21 of the 74 authors. Aristotle, Euclid, Ptolemy, Copernicus, Newton, Montesquieu and Faraday are but a few of the authors.

To summarize, it has been estimated that an individual, reading 24 hours a day, would require 70 years to read the set.



Shown above are the recent initiates to Mu Sigma Epsilon, the scholastic honorary fraternity of the campus. Front row, left to right: Martha Ann Owens, Hilda Brittin, Mary Ann McCarley. Back row: Bobby Morgan, Barbara Chapman, Alice Patterson, Betty Gray, Robert Carswell.

CLASSES PLUS EXPERIENCE—

Religion Majors Conduct Week-Day School

“Experience is the oldest and most capable teacher.”

This time-proven adage is rewardingly portrayed every Wednesday afternoon at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church on the Lenoir Rhyne campus. The occasion is the week-day church school, organized to provide practical experience for religious education majors taking Bible 8, a course which teaches “specialization” requirements in leadership training. The school is open to children of every denomination.

Under the supervision of Dr. Lester Keasey, professor of religious education, the school is completely student maintained. The regular day begins at 3:30 in the afternoon with refreshments. The three classes, Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior, separate into their respective departments for a half hour of hand craft or music study.

Wood work, metal work, weaving, finger and brush painting are taught by students who spend an extra hour and a half a week in pre-instruction sessions.

On alternate weeks when music is taught, the familiar Christian hymns and popular folk songs with a religious theme are stressed.

Following this period, a lesson is presented on a religious theme. The week-day series of the United Lutheran Church of America is used. A work book containing Bible references, real life questions, and exercises is used by the pupils. The church school day ends with a devotional program at 5:00. In the two older departments the devotions are led by the children.

The week-day school is the only practical program in religious work that the college sponsors. Combined with three hours of classroom work, it operates for ten weeks. A report is given each week concerning the student teacher’s contribution to the school. He also prepares a self-evaluation of his work and his observations, and a criticism of the other teachers’ work. This is due at the first class following week-day church school.

At the beginning of the ten-week period, each student teacher selects a pupil to study without the pupil’s knowledge. He observes the pupil’s needs for religious growth. He analyzes the child’s problems, and suggests ways to satisfy the pupil’s needs. At the end of the school period, the student teacher presents a log of his observations to the class instructor.



WELLS, ORTMYER GAIN HONORS AGAIN—

BASKETBALL BEARS DEADLOCK FOR SECOND PLACE

Lenoir Rhyne's basketballers dropped a close decision to Elon in the North State Conference tournament finals but, nevertheless, the Bears completed their best season in the history of the school, percentage wise.

Coach Jim "Pappy" Hamilton's cagers romped to a 20-5 won-lost record and finished the 1955-56 campaign in a deadlock for second-place honors with defending champions, Atlantic Christian. Both teams had a 12-4 mark, only one game behind East Carolina's league-leading 13-3 record.

The Bruins went into the conference tourney at Lexington with several coaches selecting them to cop the honors along with ACC and Elon. LR opened their tournament stand with an 88-67 win over High Point then they hit their peak against the strong Bulldogs of ACC, triumphing 113-94.

As was the case last season, an early road trip to East Carolina and Atlantic Christian all but ruined the Bears' chances for a sweep of regular season laurels. The Bruins traveled to the east early in December without the services of starting guard Walt Cornwell and dropped two loop decisions.

After that, "Pappy" Hamilton's Bears won six straight and 10 straight, only losses to ECC and High Point interrupting that skein.

Highlight of the year was the Bruins' two victories over Elon, the latter winning the District 26 NAIA title and a trip to Kansas City. They edged the Christians away from home 85-79 and trounced Coach Doc Mathis' men at Hickory 99-70.

Only three times were the Bears held below 70 points and six times they soared above the century mark, setting a new school record against Western Carolina by scoring 115 points.

In tournament play, the high scoring Bruins set four records by beating ACC 113-94. The 113 points broke the old mark of 108 which ACC established last year in the tourney finals. Center Raeford Wells

collected 35 rebounds in the same contest and Cornwell hit 20 of 26 charity tosses, all new tourney marks. The Bruin team also attempted 74 free throws for a new record.

Wells, a Little All-American choice last season, continued his assault on conference records by whipping in 18 field goals against Guilford while scoring 42 points.

The only conference scoring mark to elude Wells thus far is East Carolina's Bobby Hodges' career scoring total of 2018 points, accumulated in four seasons. Wells now has 1939 points in three campaigns and is a cinch to crack Hodges' mark next year.

Individual honors in the statistics department went to Wells again this year. The big 6'6" St. Stephens lad poured in 612 points in 25 tilts for a conference leading 24.5 average.

Second in the scoring department was 6'8" Bob Ortmeyer, one of the two seniors on the club. Ort pumped in 534 points for a 21.4 average, his finest since coming to Lenoir Rhyne. Senior Floyd Propst compiled a 17.3 average with 433 points.

Other top point producers for the Bears were Cornwell with a 9.0 average, Tommy Sellari with 8.6, Johnny James with 4.9, Dickie James with 4.6, Ted Wells with 4.2, and Frank Cline with 3.2.

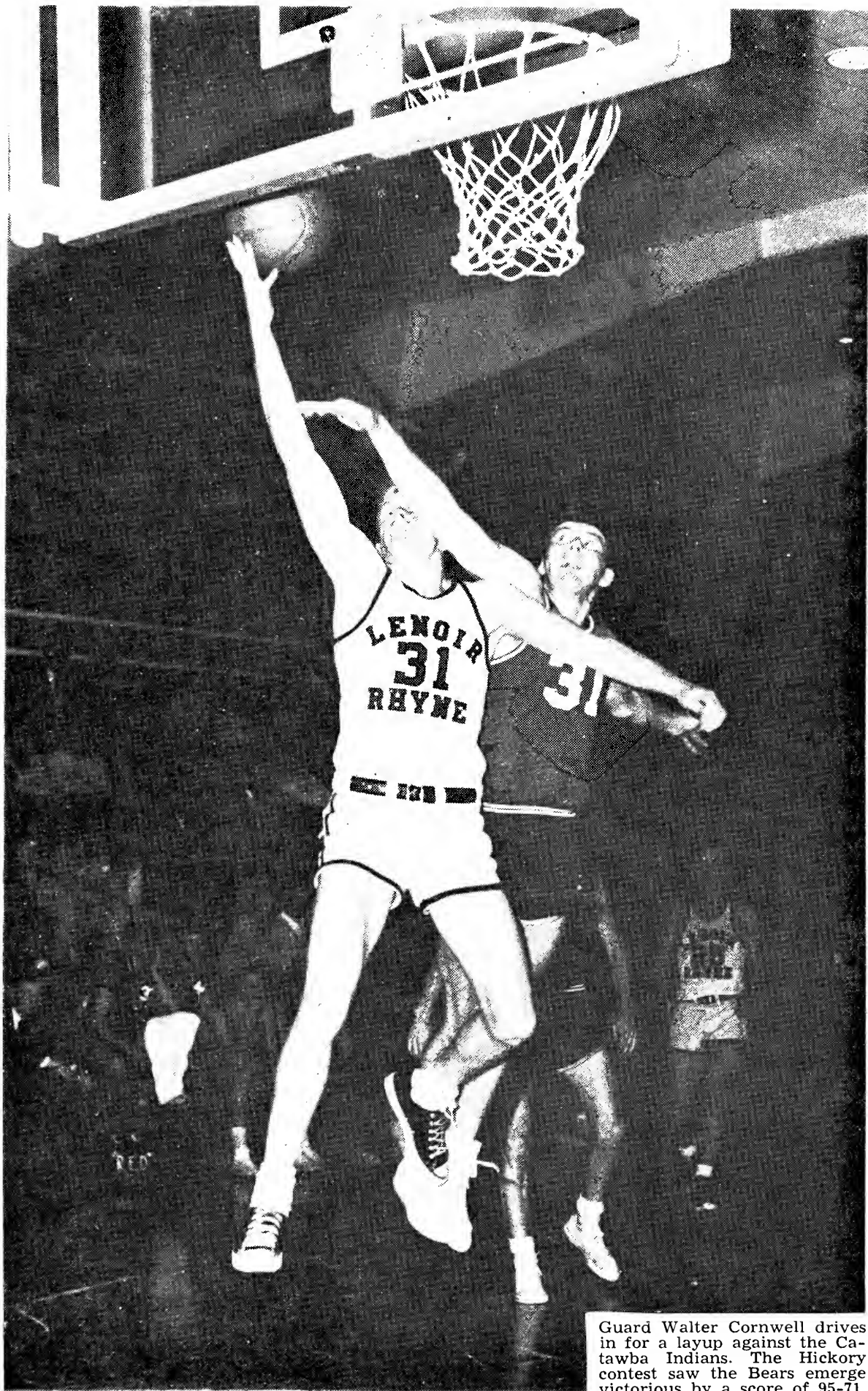
Wells collected 506 rebounds for a 20.2 average and hit on 60 percent of his shots from the floor to lead in those categories. Captain Ortmeyer averaged 19.3 rebounds per game and hit on 59 percent of his floor shots to trail Wells.

Dickie James was the most consistent free thrower, hitting on 42 of 52 charity tosses for a 80.8 percentage.

The Bear team hit the national figures in field goal percentage, leading the nation with a .527 mark, 801 field goals in 1521 attempts.

Coach Hamilton's outfit also had an outstanding year off the backboards, grabbing 1480 rebounds for a 59.2 average. They missed by only a hair of averaging

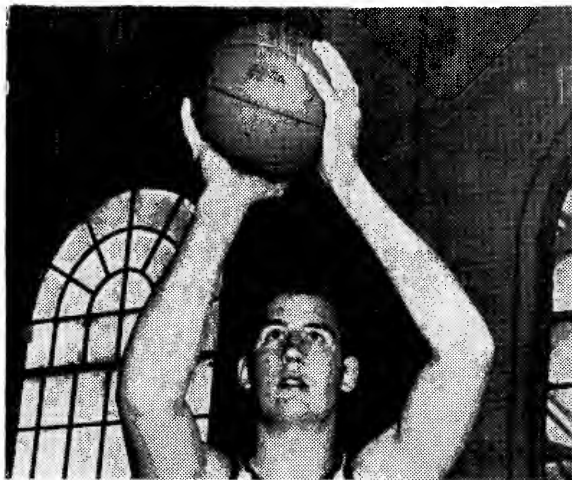
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Guard Walter Cornwell drives in for a layup against the Catawba Indians. The Hickory contest saw the Bears emerge victorious by a score of 95-71.



BOB ORTMYER



RAEFORD WELLS

LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE 1956 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Sept. 15—Newport News Naval
Apprentice School—Here.
- Sept. 22—Wofford—There.
- Sept. 29—Newberry—There.
- Oct. 6—Appalachian—Here.
- Oct. 13—Guilford—There.
- Oct. 20—Western Carolina—Here.
- Oct. 27—Emory and Henry—Here.
- Nov. 3—East Carolina—Here.
- Nov. 10—Elon—There.
- Nov. 22—Catawba—There.

Alumni Gives Varsity Tough Battle Before Bowing, 19-6

Coach Clarence Stasavich's Lenoir Rhyne gridders gave a preview of next year's football legions, Saturday, March 3, when they downed a tough Alumni team 19-6.

The Alumni, coached by Albert Spurlock, Jack Kiser, and Klynt Ripple, gave the present Bears a hard tussle but in the end, the varsity's better physical condition took the toll of the older Bruins.

Featuring such huskies as tackle Jim "Bull" Newsome, guards Bill Watts, Dick Gantt, and Frank Snyder, center Gene Frye, and flankers Bill Coyne, Frank Little, and Bob Sherrill, the Alumni forward wall put up a stout defense only to see the varsity win the game on a brilliant 55-yard punt return by tailback Bill Ackard in the final minutes of the game. Sam Steele provided the clincher for the varsity by intercepting a pass in the final seconds and racing 10 yards to score.

Steve Trudnak, an All-American fullback in 1952, scored the Alumni's only touchdown in the second quarter, plunging over from the one-yard line. The other varsity score came on a 16-yard pass from quarterback Danny Williams to wingback Bob Miller.

All-State fullback Harold Bullard led the varsity in rushing yardage, picking up 65 yards in 10 carries while tailback Jerry Robinson led the Alumni with 45 yards in seven tries.

Others participating in the game for the Alumni were: ends—Joe O'Donnell, Bob Henry, Bill Coyne, and Bill Cordell; tackles—Jerry Troutman, Jack Barringer, and Al Archibald; guards—Gene Abercrombie, Jerry Mauldin, and George Robinson; center—Cecil Abee; and backs—Wally Gilbert, Don Kirkpatrick, Bill Robinette, Billy Meggison, C. A. Frye, Gene Robinson, Bill Eanes, Jim Garrett, and Joe Caldwell.

Also seeing action for the 1956 varsity were: flankers—Hume Collins, Frank Weber, John Moose, Martin Brumbaugh, and Guy Fisher; tackles—Leveo Sperotto, Bill Dameron, Buddy Rogers, and Bob Hamby; guards—Arden Ray, Norman Punch, Bill Johnson, and Glenn Shook; centers—Allan LaTorre and George Barin; and backs—Dean Cline, Dave Mezinze, Jim Campbell, and Ronnie Hoffman.

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90 points per tilt, hitting the hoops for an 89.4 mark.

Ortmeyer and Wells each pulled down All-North State Conference honors while Wells was the only conference performer to make the "Greensboro Daily News" All-State team, which included eight players from the Big Four.

Debaters Sweep Honors

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Women's Standard Oratory: First place, Judy Ford, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Jo Ann Williams, East Tennessee State.

Men's Situation Oratory: First place, Ralph Wallace, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Harvey Blume, Lenoir Rhyne.

Women's Situation Oratory: First place, Anne Wilfong, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Nelva Cornwell, Lenoir Rhyne.

Impromptu: First place, John Brooks, University of North Carolina; second place, David Wright, Lenoir Rhyne.

Address Reading: Fred LeClercq, University of South Carolina; second place, Julian Jergensmeyer, Duke University.

Problem Solving: Men: First place, Fred LeClercq, University of South Carolina, second place, D. I. Flaharty, Naval Academy. Women's Division: First place, Anne Wilfong, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Collette Durham, East Tennessee State.

Radio Extempore, Women: Jo Ann Williams, East Tennessee State; second place, Janice Shreves, Lenoir Rhyne.

Extempore: Men: First place, Guy Patterson, Washington and Lee; second place, Bill McCullough, Lenoir Rhyne. Women's Division: Jo Ann Williams, East Tennessee State; second place, Joy Nevilles, Carson-Newman.

Poetry Reading: First place, Jackie Hewitt, Lenoir Rhyne, second place, Jo Ann Williams, East Tennessee State.

Men's Radio Newscast: First place, David Wright, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Roy J. Bledsoe, East Tennessee State.

Women's Radio Newscast: First place, Doris Miller, Appalachean; second place, Janice Shreves, Lenoir Rhyne.

Impromptu, Women: First place, Mary Lenoir Cilley, Lenoir Rhyne; second place, Joy Neville, Carson-Newman.

Lenoir Rhyne debaters for the affirmative argument were: Bill McCullough, Lincolnton; John Smart, Mooresboro; Judy Ford, Cherryville and Mary Lenoir Cilley, Hickory. Arguing the negative side were: David Wright, Greensboro; Paulwyn Boliek, Greenville, S. C.; George Keck and Anne Wilfong, Hickory. The query was, "Resolved, that the non-agricultural industries of the United States should guarantee their employees an annual wage."

since 1950. Prior to that date he served as pastor to Lutheran students in the Greater New York area.

Included in his jurisdiction are several other colleges of the North State Conference—Catawba, Appalachean, Guilford, and High Point, in addition to several of the state institutions.



REV. DONALD HEIGES

"A speaking invitation is a vacation."

That is exactly the way Dr. Donald R. Heiges, guest speaker for Lenoir Rhyne's Religious Emphasis Week, February 19-22, expressed his enthusiasm over being a visitor on the local campus.

The Chicago guest finds his administrative work quite time consuming, and consequently, does not get to visit a college campus very often.

Being a guest on a university campus is actually a great part of Dr. Heiges' work. He stimulates, supervises, and coordinates a Lutheran ministry and program for students and faculty members at institutions of higher learning all over the United States. It is through foundations and parish pastors that he maintains close contact with over 600 colleges from his Chicago office.

"I accept one such invitation a year," he explained, "and this year I decided to visit Lenoir Rhyne. I drove through the campus in the spring of 1951, but this year was the first time I had ever stayed here."

Last year, Dr. Heiges visited Concordia College in Morehead, Minn. He considers such a visit a "vacation" from his regular duties.

The one thing that really impressed Dr. Heiges was last year's successful million and half dollar campaign. "Many other schools fall short in such drives," he stated, "but Lenoir Rhyne's success was phenomenal."

Dr. Heiges has held his present position



Pictured above with Dr. Cromer, Lenoir Rhyne president, are the officers of the newly organized Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware Alumni chapter. From left to right are: Dr. Cromer, D. R. Overcash, Newell Rollins, and Leslie Conrad.

NORTHERNERS ASSEMBLE—

New Alumni Chapter Formed in Pennsylvania

The Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware Chapter of the Lenoir Rhyne College Alumni Association was organized Friday, February 10, with a dinner meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The convener for the meeting was Leslie Conrad, Jr., '41, of Philadelphia, Pa., who made the preliminary preparations.

Officers elected were Newell Rollins, '42, of New Castle, Del., President; Daniel Ray Overcash, '34, of East Lansdowne, Pa., Vice-president; and Leslie Conrad, Jr., '41, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Voigt Cromer, President of the college, highlighted this organizational meeting with a color slide lecture which featured the progress of Lenoir Rhyne. After the election of officers, an interesting round-robin report session was indulged in by all those in attendance.

It was decided by the group that they would endeavor to meet in the spring and fall of each calendar year and at any

other time deemed necessary by the executive committee of the chapter. Those present for the meeting were:

Reverend and Mrs. John W. Cobb, 722 W. Market Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Reverend Harold L. Dietz, 116 E. Linn Street, Bellefonte, Pa.; Reverend and Mrs. Authur Leroy Hahn, 107 Penn Boulevard, Lansdowne, Pa.; Reverend and Mrs. John M. Mangum, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.; Mrs. S W. Rhyne, 216 E. Sedgwick, Philadelphia 19, Pa.; Reverend and Mrs. F. L. Conrad, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.; Dr. Herbert Fritz, Pennswood & Radnor Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Dr. Cephas K. Lippard, 5927 Latona Street, Philadelphia 43, Pa.; and Mrs. Daniel Ray Overcash, 109 Penn Boulevard, East Lansdowne, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Newell Rollins, 218 W. Roosevelt Avenue, Wilm. Manor, New Castle, Del.

A delicious dinner preceded the business session. The meeting was held at Maurice, the Maestro's Restaurant located at 211 South Quince Street.



Shown here are the charter members of the new Alumni Chapter which was organized Friday evening, February 10, in Philadelphia. Members are from the surrounding area of East Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware.

Rhodes Urges Quick Alumni Response For Loyalty Drive

Thomas W. Rhodes, '25, reports that letters have been sent out to all graduates by their respective class chairmen urging contributions to the 1956 Loyalty Fund. At the present time, Mr. Rhodes stated that in the neighborhood of 115 persons have contributed to the Loyalty Fund thus far, but he emphasizes that we must have much greater participation by many other graduates and former students in order to reach the set goal of \$15,000.

The total contributions according to classes show the following results according to the latest information available from the alumni office.

1955, 8; 1954, None; 1953, 5; 1952, 3; 1951, None; 1950, None; 1949, 5; 1948, 6; 1947, 6; 1946, 5; 1945, 4; 1944, None; 1943, None; 1942, 3; 1941, None; 1940, 2; 1939, 4; 1938, 8; 1937, None; 1936, 1; 1935, 1; 1934, 2; 1933, None; 1932, 3; 1931, 4; 1930, 5; 1929, None; 1928, 1; 1927, 2; 1926, 4; 1925, 1; 1924, 4; 1923, 3; 1922, 2; 1921, None; 1920, None; 1919, None; 1918, 2; 1917, None; 1916, None;

1915, None; 1914, None; 1913, 4; 1912, None; 1911, 1; 1910, 1; 1909, None; 1908, None; 1907, None; 1906, None; 1905, None; 1904, None; 1903, 3; 1902-1895, None. Friends of Lenoir Rhyne 1.

The total amount of funds paid to the Loyalty Fund thus far is approximately \$1,000.

Mr. Rhodes said further that efforts will be pressed to the maximum to attempt to reach the set goal by Alumni Day, which is May 26. The general chairman urged that every alumnus do his utmost to contribute something to this fund in order that the Alumni Association may be able to assist the college in some small way with its annual operating budget.

CAMPAIGN TOTALS—

The total amount paid on the Lenoir Rhyne Expansion and Development program, as of March 19, 1956 was \$664,211. This is over 40.17 per cent of the total pledged during the campaign last spring.

The amount subscribed through the churches of the N. C. Synod is \$1,062,053 of which \$382,513 has been paid.

The total amount subscribed as of March 19, 1956 was \$1,504,011. It may be noted that the end of March concludes the first payment year of the 30-month period.

NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

In the field of graduate work, the following information indicates the enthusiasm of the alumni of 1954:

Robert Lee Teague, Jr., '54, is now working on an M.A. degree which he expects to receive in August, 1956. His selected thesis is on "The Development of Lenoir Rhyne College's Physical Education Program from 1929 to 1955." One of his honors since attending the University of North Carolina has been his election into membership of Phi Delta Kappa professional honorary fraternity for men in Education.

Mrs. Eleanor Adolph Teague will receive a M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in June, 1956. During her studies at the University she has been elected into membership of Phi Alpha Theta national history fraternity.

Now in research work, Margaret Fisher is at Bethesda, Maryland.

Thomas Austin will complete his doctor's degree at the University of North Carolina in two years.

Fred Ormand is working in the department of chemistry at the University of Texas.

At Bowman Gray School of Medicine Thomas Scott is doing graduate work.

Another Lenoir Rhyne graduate, Paul V. Smith, '55, will receive a M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in June, 1956.

Arvo Ederma, '52, is also in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

James Todd, '52, is in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

At Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, Pennsylvania, Robert Huddle, '54, is doing graduate work.

Paul L. Conrad, '53, will receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree May 22, 1956, from Southern Theological Seminary and has made plans to accept a congregation in China Grove after June 1.

Melba Taylor, '55, of Leesville, S. C., is in graduate school of Divinity of Duke University at Durham, N. C. She is currently working with the Lutheran Stu-

dents Association program in connection with St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Durham.

The infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry David Hawthorne, Jr., was baptized Harry David, Jr., on Christmas Day, 1955. The Reverend Hawthorne is a graduate of the class of '41, and Mrs. Hawthorne is the former Alice V. Whitener of '42. The child was born on October 12 and adopted by the Hawthornes on December 3, 1955.

Miss Lois Glessner, graduate of '52, received a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education from George Peabody College in the summer of 1955. She is presently employed by the public schools in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Elsie Sullivan Warlick, '27, is presently working as a pharamcist in St. Therese Hospital in Beaumon, Texas. She, since graduating from Lenoir Rhyne, has become a vocational nurse as licensed by the State Board of Nurses Examiners, Austin, Texas.

Miss Peggy Barringer, a former student who attended Lenoir Rhyne from 1952 to 1955, and who is now attending the Pasadena (California) Playhouse, was the only first-year student among 90 selected to take part in a dancing version of "Aladdin and His Lamp" for a series of 20 network telecasts.

After undergoing an appendectomy operation on January 7, Dr. Voigt R. Cromer, '25, was hospitalized for about a week. He has resumed duties as president of the college.

Joe Helms, '55, has recently accepted a position with the City Recreational Commission in Spartanburg, S. C.

Harry Wilfong, graduate of the class of 1954, recently embarked on a naval cruise destined for South America. Mr. Wilfong is a native of Hickory, N. C.

A. Kenneth Hewitt, '28, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Columbia, S. C., has recently been elected president of the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Columbia.

Mrs. Bobbie Lee Peeler, an alumna of the class of '51, recently received wide acclaim as a result of the delivery of her second baby from an iron lung. Briefly.

summarized, the story runs somewhat as follows:

Mrs. Peeler contacted polio on September 12, 1955 (high spinal type) and was confined to an iron lung in Southwestern Respiratory Polio Clinic in Houston, Texas. On November 26, she delivered her second child, a baby boy who weighed 6 lbs. 7oz. Eight weeks later she was out of the lung, for good, although she is still compelled to use other aids in breathing. At present she is gradually decreasing in the use of these. Mrs. Peeler has one other child, Robert, aged three, and she is currently living in Bellaire, Texas, where her husband is working for an insurance firm. Her present address is 5810 Grape Road, Bellaire, Texas.

Mrs. Joyce Bess Sniffin, '38, is at present teaching in Panama City, Florida where her husband, Millard Sniffin, is employed at the U. S. Navy Mine Defense Laboratory. A family of four, the Sniffins have two daughters.

Mrs. Christine Huddle Agee, '47, whose husband is now serving in the Air Force in Morrocco, is living in Williamsport, Maryland. Her husband, Joseph Randolph Agee, Jr., is expected to return home in June.

The Reverend Stafford S. Swing, pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Hickory, was appointed editor-pro-tem of the N. C. Lutheran publication upon the recent resignation of the Reverend Charles S. Wessinger. The Reverend Swing is a graduate of the class of 1944 and was editor of the Lenoir Rhynean for two years during his college career here.

The recent resignation of the Reverend Charles S. Wessinger has been accepted from his position as editor of the N. C. Lutheran and pastor of his Thomasville parish. A graduate of '42, he has accepted the call to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Charleston, S. C.

Chieko Kishi, '53, is now Mrs. Chieko Nashi. Mrs. Nashi is the Japanese translation of Mrs. West. Her husband has been accepted into the graduate school of the University of Michigan. She will be unable to accompany him but will remain in Tokyo, Japan, where they have made their home. Mrs. Nashi has been teaching piano and continuing her music lessons.

Aileen B. Taylor, an alumna of the class of '47, is now studying for a Master of Religious Education degree at Carver School of Missions and Social Work of Louisville, Kentucky. She is a native of Hickory.

Miss Melba Taylor, '55, will wed Mr.

Joe Holt on June 30, in Leesville, S. C. Mr. Holt is attending the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa.

Miss Emily Beaver, '55, and Mr. Willie Stirewalt have announced their wedding date for June 3, 1956. Miss Beaver is employed in the Hickory school system and Mr. Stirewalt will graduate in May, a pre-enrollee in the Southern Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C.

Miss Betty King, class of '54, will wed Mr. Jack Rhyne in August. The wedding will take place in Concord. Mr. Rhyne will graduate in August and afterwards attend the Southern Theological Seminary in Columbia.



Miss Ruth Cress, '54, of Concord, was recently married to Mr. William Owens in Concord on December 27. She is teaching at Kenworth School in Hickory.

Miss Carolyn Joyce Pierce was wed on February 4, 1956, to Dr. Henry Walter Abernathy, '51, in Chapel Hill. Dr. Abernathy is now in medical internship at Roper Hospital in Charleston, S. C.

Over the Christmas holidays, Miss Sara Ann Phelps pledged wedding nuptials with Walter J. Moretz, '55. Mrs. Moretz is finishing her last semester at Lenoir Rhyne and Mr. Moretz is currently attending the Southern Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C.

Miss Marijennie Barringer and Alex Warlick, Jr., were married Saturday evening, February 4, 1956, in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Hickory. Mr. Warlick is a 1952 graduate and at present is practicing law in Jacksonville, N. C.

Miss Nancy Marlowe, of Hickory, became the bride of Rev. Robert P. Bunch, of Winston-Salem, Saturday evening, February 5. Mrs. Brunch completed a secretarial course at Lenoir Rhyne in 1954.

Miss Peggy West, '55, was married to Mr. Paul Graham on November 26, 1955, in Mount Ulla, N. C.

In a double-ring ceremony, solemnized at Mount Calvary Lutheran church in Claremont, Miss Mary Carolyn Miller, '55

commercial graduate, became the bride of Lawren E. Furr, '55 graduate, on August 28, 1955. The couple is now residing in Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Cora Mae Peninger of the commercial class of 1952 was married to Charles F. Chambers in St. James Lutheran Church in Concord, on September 5, 1954. The couple is now residing in Raleigh, N. C. where Mr. Chambers is a student at N. C. State College.

Miss Mickie Rae Sigmon, of Hickory, was recently married to Smith Stephen Parlier, '55, also of Hickory. The wedding took place in St. James Lutheran Church.

Miss Frankie Jean Harrison was married to Harold Jean Beckom in a Christmas Day wedding in Drexel.

On December 18, 1955, Miss Mable Sherrill was married to Gene Harry Teague, '39, in Granite Falls.

Wedding nuptials were pledged by Miss Johnsie Ann Daves and Lawrence B. Smith '50 in Julian, December 10, 1955. Mr. Smith is formerly of Landis.

Miss Shirley Frances Keller was married to Mr. Ben A. Robinson in a formal wedding in Hickory on December 29. Mr. and Mrs. Robnison attended Lenoir Rhyne in 1954.

Wedding nuptials were pledged by Miss Sandra Jean Yancey and Kenneth Ray Sipe, '55, on December 24. The couple will reside in Newton.

On December 18, Miss Nancy Mae Clegg, '53, was married to Howard Spry, Jr. The couple is currently residing in Hickory.

Miss Helen Blair Jenkins of Gastonia was married to George H. Johnson, also of Gastonia, on September 24, 1955. Mrs. Johnson completed a two-year commercial course in 1954.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Petrea, '44, formerly of Concord, and Lloyd Matthew Guenther of Berkley, California, was solemnized on November 27, 1955, in Stfl Michael's Lutheran Church in Berkley, California. They are making their home at El Cerrite, California.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Evans have announced the birth of a daughter, Ginie Carolina Evans, who was born on December 8, 1955. Mrs. Evans is the former Carol S. Drum who is a graduate of the class of 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Abee, of Hickory, have informed us of the birth of a son, James P., Jr., who was born on January 21, 1955. Mrs. Abee graduated from Lenoir Rhyne in 1942 and is the former Virginia Dare Wyant.

A son, Lawrence Gamiel Hollar, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gamaliel Hollar of Hickory. Mr. Hollar is a graduate of the class of 1951 and Mrs. Hollar is the former Janelia Biven of the class of '49.

A daughter, Susan Carol, was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Nevin H. Feather on December 11, 1955. Mrs. Feather was the former Cecil Mae Thornburg, a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne in 1951. Rev. Feather is the pastor of the Bethany-Smyrna Evangelical and Reformed Church, Claremont.



Johnny Wei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yen Jen Wei, is pictured above at about four months of age. Mrs. Yen Jen Wei is the former Anna Y. C. Liu, an alumna of the class of 1952, who is now living in New York City.

*If You Have Any News
About Any Alumni Send
It To The Editor.*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Falls announce the birth of a new member to their family in September, 1955. Mr. Falls is an alumnus of the class of 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hummel of Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania, announced the birth of a son, John Stevan, on November 26, 1955. Mrs. Hummel is the former Miss Anna Castor of the class of '54.

A son, Eric Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight on November 27, 1955. Mrs. McKnight is the former Miss Ollie Patterson, an alumna of the class of 1952.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl McCombs have announced the birth of a baby girl just recently. Mrs. McCombs is the former Martha Barnhardt of the class of 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hayes, of Hickory have announced the birth of a son, Charles, Jr., on February 7, 1956. Mrs. Hayes is the former Carolyn Sue Dietz, '54, and Mr. Hayes is an alumnus of 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vander Linden, of Washington, D. C., have announced the birth of a son, Frank Robert, on September 22, 1955. Mr. Vander Linden is a graduate of the class of 1939 and Mrs. Vander Linden is the former Georgia Kathlyn Huddle, '48.

The Reverend and Mrs. Jasper J. Smith announced the birth of a son, February 17, 1956, at Kafer Memorial Hospital in New Bern. Reverend Smith is a native of Hickory, an alumnus of the class of 1948, and is currently pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve M. Shuford announce the arrival of a son, Richard Steven, on February 26, 1956. Mrs. Shuford is the former Kennie Mae Lawrence, class of '51. Mr. Shuford graduated with the class of 1950.

OBITUARIES

Lorenzo L. Bowman, of Route 5, Hickory died in Hickory in the latter part of December 1955. A graduate of 1905, he began teaching in 1910 and concluded this career in 1949.

Richard Osborne Newton, '48, died suddenly in Hickory in the latter part of December. He had been in declining health for about a month.

Frank Vick Harward, 36, prominent Oakboro resident and member of the Stanley County Board of Commissioners, died on September 12, 1955. Harward was a graduate of the class of 1940 and had taught school for seven years since leaving Lenoir Rhyne.

Dr. Hugh Perry Barringer, a prominent Lutheran minister and native of Catawba County, died Tuesday, March 6, 1956. Dr. Barringer was a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C. He had held pastorates at Crouse, St. Paul's in Rowan County, and had been pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Bessemer City for the past three and a half years.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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is by no means a closed volume, so we must be alert to the unexplored areas of nature and of human life that are yet to be uncovered and understood. . . It must keep abreast of current advances and discoveries . . . Whatever other virtues a college may have, none can compensate for carelessness, indifference, or shabbiness when it comes to honesty and accuracy in seeking, observing, investigating, and verifying what is real, genuine and dependable.

THE TRUTH OF VALUE

As another has said, "in the humanities the work has only begun when all the facts are in." . . . Value judgments are a deep concern of the college with a mission. It must instill in human souls the desire for that which is superior and the principles by which the genuine and abiding treasures can be discerned. The truth of fact must be complemented by the truth of value for the sake of the enrichment of life and the development of persons as individuals and as a community.

THE TRUTH OF FAITH

When knowledge is interpreted and directed by faith it assumes its proper perspective, fullest meaning, highest value and ultimate goal. . .

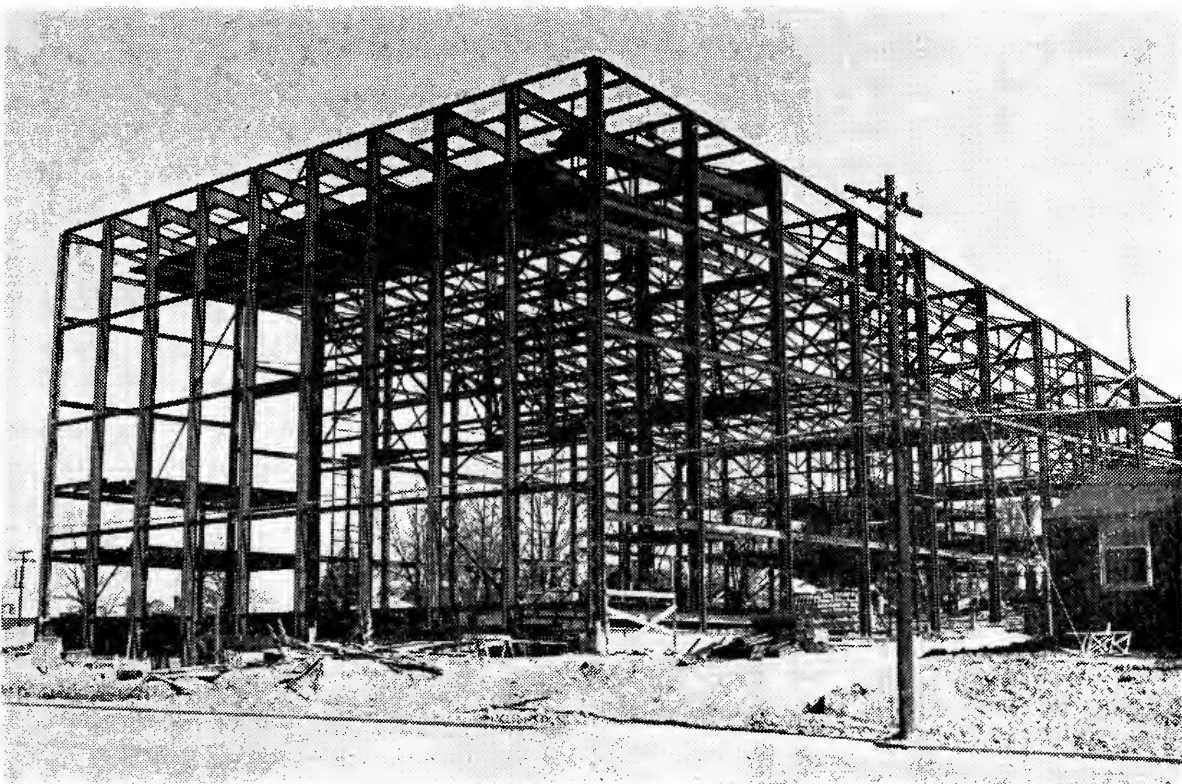
The arms of the human intellect are too short to take hold of the ultimate and bring it near enough for close examination or to prove it with factual and logical rigor. Whether the thinker be atheist, agnostic, naturalist, humanist or Christian, his position has been chosen without absolute factual or scientific proof and with a venture in faith.

For the Christian the venture of faith is made in commitment to God who is seen in and through Christ—a God who is the ultimate in Power and Purpose and Love. His is the power which accounts for the existence of the universe and the operation of the cosmic process; His is the purpose that explains and directs the process, clothing it with meaning and destiny; His is the love which encompasses all to dissolve ill-will and draw all men into that inclusive fellowship which is His kind of community. The essential nature of God, expressed in Christ, is concern with and among human beings to drive out ignorance, to dispel fear and to transform rebellion into reconciliation for the achievement of fullness of life. In a Person, Jesus Christ, the ultimate meaning of existence is made manifest. This is the frame of reference in which the inquiring mind can most effectively do its work.

This faith, this viewpoint which has Christ as its center, is the perspective of the Christian teacher and the church college. Whatever the subject or the course of study, the teacher will be frank to acknowledge his perspective. The act of honesty in human inquiry is to state one's viewpoint, to indicate its focus and outreach and to denote the significance that one's perspective finds in the facts under consideration.

This is not to advocate intolerance or indoctrination. The statement of conviction does not imply the attitude that one holds a monopoly on truth. It will invite and welcome discussion of controversial issues, frankly admitting alternate views and informing the students of the alternatives from which a choice may be made. This implies continual criticism and revision of our convictions which will ultimately strengthen them. . . We must bring controversial questions into the open, think our way through them and take a stand. In a college of the church we would expect that, amidst the conflicting philosophies competing for the student's allegiance, the Christian faith is presented as worthy of one's highest devotion.

A deep consciousness of the mission of our schools in the field of higher education, in the program of our church, and in the service of society provides motivation and incentive to grapple with the problems and overcome the obstacles which beset them, and to plan and labor that they shall fulfill their mission as instruments of education in which truth is high and holy, and in which teacher and student are lifted beyond themselves. We need to strengthen and increase the number of colleges whose dominant concern is the liberation of the human spirit to reach the full stature of personality in fellowship with God and man. This we accomplish as we progress in the truth of fact the truth of value and the truth of faith, and as we set the aspiration and energies of youth toward this goal. This mission of our colleges challenges all the resources at our command.



A closeup view of the steel structure of the Monroe Auditorium stands transfixed against the horizon. The enormous size of this building is readily previewed by this picture. The contractors estimate that the building will be completed in early 1957.

Shown below are the men of music of the Buddy Morrow orchestra who furnished the entertainment for the Christmas Ball sponsored by the Lenoir Rhyne Delta Iota Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Later during the evening intermission Morrow became an associate member of the fraternity.



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